

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NON-WORKING OF VIDEO COMPRESSION SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a 5 channel video compression system supplied by M/s. Gujarat Communication and Electronics Limited in 1995 at a cost of more than 3 crore did not work;
- (b) whether R&DS Wing of Doordarshan upgraded this system;
- (c) if so, the details of upgradation cost;
- (d) whether the liquidated charges amounting to Rs.16.52 lakh have not been realised ; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken to realise the charges from the firm?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): Order for supply, installation & commissioning of 5 channel video compression system for an experimental project of R&D wing of Doordarshan at a cost of Rs. 3.30 crores was placed on M/s GCEL in January, 1995. As per terms of the order, the MPEG-I system was to be supplied by 15.1.95 and to be later upgraded to MPEG-II system by 30th June, 1995. MPEG-I compression system was installed & commissioned on 15.1.95 and later upgraded to MPEG-II system in April, 2000 by the firm at no extra cost. As per terms of the supply order, penalty to a maximum of 5% of the cost of equipment can be imposed on the supplier for delay in supply of equipment. 10% payment to the firm has been withheld and out of this, liquidated charges are to be realized.